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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In the application of** : Rory Smith.  
**Serial No.** : 09/975,841  
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**For** : BANDWIDTH ALLOCATION IN A  
SYNCHRONOUS TRANSMISSION  
NETWORK FOR PACKET ORIENTED  
SIGNALS  
**Examiner** : Heinrichs, Christopher P.  
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